

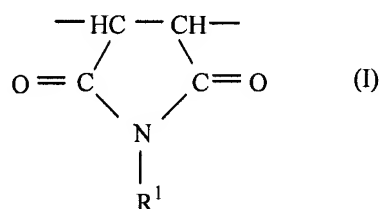
**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:**

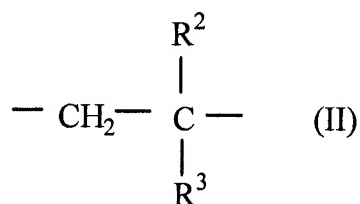
**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

1. (currently amended): A stretched film (X) obtained from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting followed by stretching at least in one direction,

(1) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a monovalent aromatic hydrocarbon group, and 60 to 40 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (II),



wherein each of  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  is independently a hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6 carbon atoms,

and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an acrylonitrile unit,

the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of ~~at least 50 %~~ 50 to 65% by weight ~~but not more than 99 % by weight~~ and a copolymer (B) content of ~~at least 1 %~~ 35 to 50% by weight ~~but not more than 50 % by weight~~,

(2) the stretched film (X) having a maximum retardation ( $R_p$ ) at 550 nm in an in-plane direction, the maximum retardation satisfying the following expression,

$$\del{10-75} \text{ nm} < R_p \leq 400 \text{ nm}$$

(3) the stretched film (X) having a retardation ( $R_{th}$ ) at 550 nm in the thickness direction, the retardation satisfying the following expression,

$$0 \text{ nm} < |R_{th}| \leq 400 \text{ nm}$$

(4) the stretched film (X) satisfying the following expressions,

$$\text{ny} < \text{nz} < \text{nx} \text{ and}$$

$$\text{0.3} \leq \{(\text{nx}-\text{nz})/(\text{nx}-\text{ny})\} \leq \text{0.9},$$

wherein nx is a refractive index in an in-plane lagging axis direction at 550 nm,

ny is a refractive index in a direction perpendicular to the in-plane lagging axis at 550 nm, and

nz is a refractive index in the thickness direction at 550 nm.

2-4. (canceled).

5. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which is a product by the stretching at a stretch ratio that satisfies the following expression,

$$R^{MD} > R^{TD} \text{ or } R^{TD} > R^{MD}$$

wherein  $R^{MD}$  is a stretch ratio in the machine direction and  $R^{TD}$  is a stretch ratio in the transverse direction.

6. (original): The stretched film of claim 5, wherein  $|R^{MD}/R^{TD}|$  or  $|R^{TD}/R^{MD}|$  is in the range of over 1.0 but not more than 5.0.

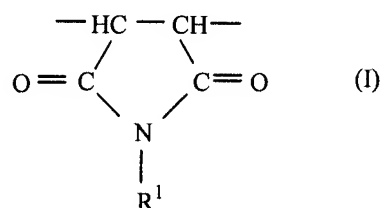
7. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which is a biaxially stretched film.

8. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which has one or less coarse streaked projection having a height of 10  $\mu\text{m}$  or more, a width of 0.3 mm or more and a length of 5 cm or more, per meter of width in the transverse direction of the stretched film.

9. (original): The stretched film of claim 1, which has a water vapor permeability of 5 to 250  $\text{g}/(\text{m}^2 \cdot \text{day})$ .

10. (withdrawn): A process for the production of a stretched film of claim 1, which comprises forming a film from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting and then stretching the film at least in one direction to produce the stretched film of claim 1,

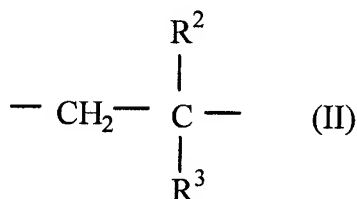
(1) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



wherein  $\text{R}^1$  is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group

having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a monovalent aromatic hydrocarbon group,

and 60 to 40 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (II),



wherein each of  $\text{R}^2$  and  $\text{R}^3$  is independently a

hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6  
carbon atoms,  
and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an  
acrylonitrile unit,  
the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of at least 50 % by weight but not  
more than 99 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of at least 1 % by weight but not more  
than 50 % by weight,

(2) the film being stretched at a stretch ratio that satisfies the following expression,

$$R^{MD} > R^{TD} \text{ or } R^{TD} > R^{MD}$$

wherein  $R^{MD}$  is a stretch ratio in the machine direction and  $R^{TD}$  is a stretch ratio in the  
transverse direction.

11. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, in which the stretching is carried out by  
biaxial stretching.

12. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein  $|R^{MD}/R^{TD}|$  or  $|R^{TD}/R^{MD}|$  is in the  
range of over 1.0 but not more than 5.0.

13. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein  $R^{MD}$  is in the range of 1.0 to 1.8  
and  $R^{TD}$  is in the range of 1.5 to 3.5.

14. (withdrawn): The process of claim 10, wherein the stretching is carried out at a  
stretching temperature ( $T_d$ ) in the range of  $T_g$  to  $(T_g + 40^\circ\text{C})$  in which  $T_g$  is a glass transition  
temperature of the resin composition, and at a stretching velocity of 5 to 5,000 %/minute.

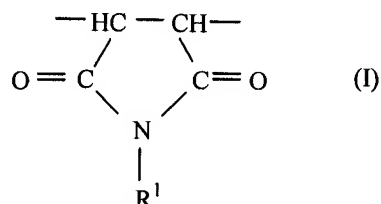
15. (original): A laminated material comprising the stretched film (X) recited in  
claim 1 and a polarizer formed thereon.

16. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, wherein the polarizer is formed from a polyvinyl alcohol containing iodine or an anisotropic dye.

17. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, wherein a film is further formed on the polarizer.

18. (currently amended): The laminated material of claim ~~15~~17, wherein the film is a stretched film (Y) formed from a resin composition by melt-extrusion casting followed by stretching at least in one direction,

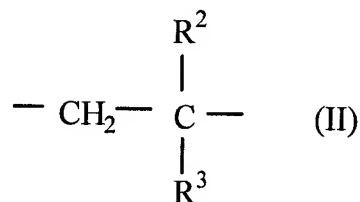
(1-c) the resin composition containing a maleimide-olefin copolymer (A) having 40 to 60 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (I),



wherein R<sup>1</sup> is a hydrogen atom, an alkyl group

having 1 to 6 carbon atoms or a monovalent aromatic hydrocarbon group,

and 60 to 40 mol% of a recurring unit represented by the following formula (II),



wherein each of R<sup>2</sup> and R<sup>3</sup> is independently a

hydrogen atom or an alkyl group having 1 to 6

carbon atoms,

and an acrylonitrile-styrene copolymer (B) containing 21 to 45 % by weight of an acrylonitrile unit,

the resin composition having a copolymer (A) content of over 65 % by weight but less than 75 % by weight and a copolymer (B) content of over 25 % by weight but less 35 % by weight,

(2-c) the stretched film (Y) having a maximum retardation ( $R_p$ ) at 550 nm in an in-plane direction, the maximum retardation satisfying the following expression,

$$R_p < 10 \text{ nm.}$$

19. (original): The laminated material of claim 15, which is a sheet polarizer.
20. (original): A liquid crystal display comprising a liquid crystal cell and laminated materials of claim 15 arranged on both surfaces of the liquid crystal cell.